1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tamil Nadu	64.4	62.4	76.2	81.6	77.2	80.6	88.4	81.7
Pondicherry	73.9	72.5	82.6	82.9	78.1	93.3	93.6	86.4
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	75.2	75.1	86.8	71.6	90.7	83.0	100.0	81.1

Note: 1. Population figures for India and Manipur exclude those of Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

2. All religious commuities include 'Religion not stated'.

Progress of New 15 Point Programme

2506.SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made so far in implementing Prime Ministers' New 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Progress made in the implementation of The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities in 2008-09 is given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Physical achievement
1.	Merit-cum-means scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	26,195
2.	Post-matric scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	1,50,532
3.	Pre-matric scholarship for students from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	5,12,657
4.	Free coaching & allied scheme for students/candidates from the minority communities [Ministry of Minority Affairs]	5,522

Progress made in the implementation of schemes included in the 15 Point Programme, considered amenable to earmarking, where targets for minorities were fixed for 2008-09, is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Physical achievement
1	2	3
1.	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) [Department of School Education & Literacy]	
(i)	Number of primary schools constructed	3266
(ii)	Number of upper primary schools constructed	2662
(iii)	Number of additional classrooms constructed	15563

1	2	3
(iv)	Number of new primary schools opened	1386
(v)	Number of new upper primary schools opened	3176
(vi)	Number of teachers sanctioned	15759
(vii)	Number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) sanctioned in educationally backward blocks, having a substantial minority population	133
2.	Swarojgaris assisted under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) [Ministry of Rural Development]	275121
3.	BPL families assisted under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) [Ministry of Rural Development]	383245
4.	Beneficiaries assisted under Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) [Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation]	
(i)	Micro-enterprises	24684
(ii)	Skill training	27837

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme and Ministry/Dept. concerned	Financial achievement (Rs. in crore)
5.	Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into Centres of Excellence [Ministry of Labour & Employment]	17.88
6.	Priority Sector Lending [Department of Financial Services]	82864.65

As envisaged in the programme, the corpus of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation has been raised, as of now, to Rs.331.66 crore for implementing schemes and programmes for promotion of education among the minority communities. Further, the authorized share capital of the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has been raised, as of now, to Rs.850 crore, and Rs.668.77 crore equity has been paid up for implementing loan schemes to improve the economic status of minorities living below double the poverty line.

Development of solar energy

2507.SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up any plan for development of solar energy to reduce dependence on fossil fuel-based energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the current level of production of solar energy and plans for next three years?